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VALUE OF FARM LANDS.

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MANUPACTURINO SITES.

The finest and cheapest manufacturing sites from the first and cheapest manufacturing sites are right here in our county. In any line of manufacturing no place offers better inducements. Cheap fuel, cheap building aftes and cheapert maportation, because there is plenty of competition. We have the Baltimore & Ohlo River rail county in the follows the county from southeast to northwest, and the Ohlo River rail round, which zig-rags across the county from southeast to northwest, and the Ohlo River rail rounds and the Ohlo River rail rounds and the Collo River rail rounds and

MASON COUNTY.

the river, tason county has a population of about 22,500; real estate assessment is \$4,015.825 and per-al property \$1,382,855 In 1866 there were 128 ool. houses, 156 teachers and 6,209 pupils, irches, representing all denominations,

MINERAL COUNTY.

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MONONGALIA COUNTY.

Morgantown, W. Va. MONROE COUNTY.

MORGAN COUNTY.

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rkeley Springs, W. Va.

M'DOWELL COUNTY. ty Rich in Undeveloped Forests an

NICHOLAS COUNTY.

H. W. Va.

PLEASANTS COUNTY.

PUTNAM COUNTY.

· PRESTON COUNTY.

NICHOLAS COUNTY.

A Great Timber and Farming Section—An Abundance of Coal.

SUMMENSTILE (County Soal, March, 1888.—This county is situated a short distance southeast of the centre of the State and is truversed by Ganley, Cherry Tree, Cranberry, Meadow, and Big flinch rivers with a number of their largest branches.

Kingwoon, (County Seal, March, 1888.—Preston county was cut off from Monongalia and organicy, Cherry Tree, Cranberry, Meadow, and Big flinch rivers with a number of their largest branches.

The county is bisected nearly northeast and southwest by the Weston and Gauley Bridge Tranpike road, running from Neston in Lewis county, through Fixxton and Nikobas, much seed to the State is separated from Fayette county, 18. Inc. of the State is se

RALFIGH COUNTY.

2% to 11 feet in thickness. Iron ove in workable quantities is also found. The surface of faieligh county is hilly and mountainous, with a large proportion of plateau land, covered with undulating and rolling hills.

The timber of the county is of excellent quality, great variety and quite extensive. Two hundred persons are engaged in imber cutting parts of the county. The land'is admirably adapted to grazing, and it is largely engaged in. The principal streams are the New and Piney rivers. Both are used for floating lumber and logs. The population of the county is about \$8,000. The total assessed valuation of the county is \$1,003.791. The total arts of duxation is \$1.60 on the \$100. There are a number of churches; 100 schools, as many teachers and about 2,000 pupils in the county. The county of the county are an except of the county are an except of the county are also as a considerable of the county are also as a considerable of the county are also so that the county of the county are also as a considerable of the county are agreed for farm lands is \$20 per acre; lowest \$2: average \$10. Unimproved land it for farming and grazing sells for \$10: lowest one dollar; average five dollars. Nine-tenths of the county is uncleared, this character of land being worth five dollars per acre.

A Horse, Cattle and Sheep Breeding Section—Wealth of Timber and Coal.

Bevenly, (County Scat) March, 1888.—Randolph county is quite mountainous, with a large proportion of the firm of the county with a large proportion of the firm of the county and an analy loams; the uplands and glades, sandy loams, and some calcarcus and.

The county was organized in 1787, and at present contains a population of 10,000 people. The total assessed valuation is \$1,000.00. The total it the one hundred dollars. There are is churches, representing the Methodist, Baptist, United Brethre, Presbyterian and Catholic. There are so public schools, with St. toachers, and having an attendance of 3,253 pupils. One newspaper, the Randolph Enterprise, is published at the county sea. PROJECTED BALBOADS.

There are no existing railroads. The West Virginia Central & Fituburgh is projected, and, if built and county as south. The projected route of the Graton & Greenbrier road is within three miles of the county line, and, if built into the county will cross the above mentioned road, and run south through the county about 40 miles.

Grazing is the principal industry, and lumbering is increasing in value and interest. Grain raising has largely increased, and fruit growing is rapidly increasing. The fine cattle raised are principally of the Durham stock. The largest hunting preserve in the country is located in his country. Owned by the Cheat Mountain Sportspitch of the Cheat Mountain Sportspitch of the Cheat Mountain Sportspitch of the Cheat Mountain Sportspitch and the county. The fine cattle raised are principally of the Durham stock. The largest hunting preserve in the country is one of the country. Owned by the Cheat Mountain Sportspitch of the Cheat Mountain Sportspitch and the country. The relies and Raise and Dear. Large very section in the country. The very sarper in the country is not an entire and bear. Large very section in the country. The very sarper of the country is counted in this country. The very sarper of the country is counted i

There are about twenty grist mills distributed throughout the country. There are twenty steam saw mills and a number propelled by wate power. There are four tanneries in the county. The market value of improved farm land averages to dollars; lowest 10 dollars; highest 10 dollars; highest 10 dollars; highest 10 dollars; howest 10 dollars; highest 10 dollars. Interpreted lands, fit for farming and grazing putposes, sell as low as three dollars, as the sawers of the sawers of

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of Valuable Timber-Good Gra

TAYLOR COUNTY. and Coal Mining Section

Gaapton, (County Scal) March, 1888.—In the cheral progress which is now marking the de clopment of the resources of West Virginia the sides of the adjoining counties, evidently felt that the one hundred and seven; and the sides of the adjoining counties, evidently felt that the one hundred and seven; and the sides of the adjoining counties, evidently felt that the one hundred and seven; and the state of the adjoining counties, evidently felt that the one hundred and seven; and the state of the adjoining counties, evidently felt that the one hundred and seven; and the state of the county is properly is all files of the state of the personal property is all files of the county for the state of the county is nowhere mountainous but consists of valleys, levels, and hills. The larger streams, tributaries of the Monongalia, ent down deep into the surface and expose many different strain food, from ore and clay. The county is divided by the Tygar! Valley the latter lies between the river and the county; the latter lies between the river and the county of the county of

of narrison and saaron, and is the grand gregion, although it has as the a voin of gas coal, the cert in thickness, as can be found in the same of the county is included in the "blue grass belt," which insures its excellence for grazing purposes. The average price per acre is from twelve to fifteen dollars, and many desirable farms throughout the county can be purchased at these figures. Unline the purchased at these figures. Unline he high as lifteen dollars per acre and as low as five dollars.

The timber of Taylor, county consists principally of white oak, black oak, rock oak, red oak, black walnut, poplar, beech, ash, chostnut and hickory. The white oak and yellow poplar are especially fine, of large growth and close heart, Large quantities of these two varieties are especially fine, of large growth and close heart, Large quantities of these two varieties are especially fine, of large growth and close heart, Large quantities of these two varieties are as a policy of the county of the county

TUCKER COUNTY.

atriver passes through the county from to north near the center of the county over has heretofore been the outlet for the

Two mines are now in operation at Thomas on the West Virgins & deniral, operation at Thomas on the West Virgins & deniral, operated by H. G. Dayls & Bro. Coke making is carried on at the same place by the same firm—60 overs being blast.

No from ore has been developed in the county, but there are a number of outcroppings which seem to be very rich.

The West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh rallway is the only railroad in the county. W. B. MAXWELL.

Timber, Coal and Iron Ore.

TYLER COUNTY. ts Fine Agricultural Lands-Wealth

MIDDLEBOURNE (County Sort), March, 1888.—Ty er county wants more people. She has the area he soil and the climate to support a purely agri ultural population of 25,000, and her timber, from

i Ten Mile.

Inother railroad project now talked of is the neeling & Charleston short line. This line und leave the Onlo lilver road at Sisterwill I pass through Middlebourne, Centreville mishoro, Harrisville and thence by a natura de, without a tunnel, to Charleston, thu gover 100 miles between Wheeling and the

UPSHUR COUNTY.

in Excellent Farming, Grazing and Stock

Upshur country command fancy prices in the market,
There is timber in abundance. About two hundred men are employed in timber-cutting.
The highest price of improved farm lands is 800; lowest 800; average 812 to 815. Unimproved farm hand fit for farming and grasing brings larm hand fit for farming and grasing brings half of the country is about one-half of the country is also as \$2. About one-half of the country is also as \$2.0 for per area. Owners are willing to part with a portion of their holdings. The lands are advancing in price.

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s found in various parts of the county. Yelle

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